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## Arrivals.

JANUARY 7. MONTGOMERYSHIRE, British str., 149, C. Butler, London 11th November, left Port Said 27th, Suez 28th, Pernambuco 24th December, and Singapore 23rd, General J. Bon, & Co.

JANUARY 7. MINAS GERAIS, British str., 1538, Paxton, Amoy 6th January, General Bon, & Co.

JANUARY 7. SALTER, British steamer, 252, Gareau, Tonkin 28th December, General Landstein & Co.

## Departures.

JANUARY 7. YESSO, str., for East Coast.

JANUARY 7. GAVANON, str., for Shanghai, Boma Bay, &c.

JANUARY 7. DANTIS, str., for Saigon and Bangkok.

JANUARY 7. NACRA, str., for Bangkok.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, JANUARY 7TH.

Bunker Hill for Manila.

Portes, for Manila.

Edmund Gressier, str., for Whampoa.

## Passports.

ARRIVED.

Per Menelaus, str., from Amoy—8 Chinese.

Per Montgomeryshire, str., from London, &c.—Mr. G. H. and 11 Chinese.

Per Salter, str., from Tonkin—27 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British steamer *Menelaus* reports left Amoy on 4th January, and had fresh N.E. monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Salter* reports left Tonkin on 28th December, and had very strong monsoon and thick weather with high sea throughout.

The British steamer *Montgomeryshire* reports left London 11th November, arrived at Port Said on 20th, and left again on the 27th; left Suez on the 28th; arrived at Pernambuco 22nd December, and left again on the 27th; had moderate weather to Singapore; since the 1st instant had strong gales from the N.E. to the N.W. with a very heavy sea to arrival.

## SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 21st. Vests from Nagasaki; 26th, Progress from Kobe, Kronprinzen; 26th, from Nagasaki; 27th, Kaikan from Nagasaki; 29th, Agnes Muit from London.

## DEPARTURES.

December 18th. Nedusella for Nagasaki; 19th, Hilda for Hakodate, Hirodo for Japan; 21st, Kintoku Maru for Nagasaki; 26th, Parana for Chufou; 28th, Judo for Chufou.

## Vessels Expected at Hongkong.

(Continued from page 1.)

Alejandro... New York... Feb. 10

Frances... Shields... Feb. 19

Cheopatra... Penang... April 8

Canton... Faulmuth... June 13

Bronx... London... July 13

Charlton... Cardiff... Aug. 16

Mar... Cardiff... Aug. 16

Pul... Hamburg... Sept. 9

Invincible... London... Sept. 9

Fede Speranza... Swans... Sept. 14

Hansa... Cardiff... Sept. 15

Bonta... Cardiff... Sept. 15

Varuna... London... Sept. 19

Nestor (s)... London... Sept. 20

Lightning... London... Sept. 20

Flindin... Sunderland... Oct. 5

Misko... London... Oct. 7

Chinan (s)... Glasgow... Oct. 8

August Frederick... Steven... Oct. 13

Livingstone... Kiel... Oct. 13

Green Jack... Penarth... Oct. 13

Mar... London... Oct. 13

MacLay... London... Oct. 13

Admiral... Cardiff... Oct. 13

Ana Dorothy... Swans... Oct. 13

Doroth... Cardiff... Oct. 13

Charlton... Cardiff... Oct. 13

Sovereign (s)... Liverpool... Nov. 13

Sophie... London... Nov. 13

Panama... Cardiff... Nov. 13

Ceylon... London... Nov. 17

Fleur Castle (s)... London... Nov. 20

Hibernia... Glasgow... Nov. 20

Villa France... Liverpool... Nov. 21

Jan... Oxf... Nov. 23

Excalibur... Nov. 23

## Actionaries 10-11.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

At 12 noon.

Sunday Goods.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

THE Government of Japan publishes on the 12th Month (December) of each year, for the use of Mariners, a

## DESCRIPTIVE LIST

OF ALL THE

LIGHTHOUSES, LIGHT SHIPS, BUOYS,

AND BEACONS.

Established by them—giving the characteristic appearance and current bearings of each.

Marines are requested not to purchase any List except for the year current, at the time of purchase, exchanges or corrections may have been made, and no reliance can be placed on any List which has been published for a preceding year.

Copies of the list for the 8th year of Meiji now to be obtained from Messrs. ADAMSTAFFORD & CO., Agents for the British Consul, Hongkong, from Messrs. KIDY & CO., of Kobe; from Messrs. ADAMS & CO., of Nagasaki; and also at the Lighthouses Office, Benten, Kochi-ku, Japan.

## PROL 25 CENTS.

SATOW YC02, TODAI NO KAMI.

R. HENRY BRUNTON,

Engineer,

Lighthouses Department,

Benten, Yokohama,

12th Month, 7th year of Meiji,

(December, 1874.)

## NOTICE.

A SECOND DIVIDEND at the rate of Six  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the Estate of the WING CHEUNG SHUN *Yik* will be payable on or before the 4th January, 1875, for the benefit of their Creditors, who are requested to take their seals and to apply to the CHUN CHEONG WING HONG, No. 77, Bonham-Street-West, for their Shares of Dividend. Those Creditors who have not applied for their dividends of 20 per cent. will be entitled to receive a dividend of 10 per cent. as the Undersigned will not hold them responsible for any consequential loss that may be occasioned by delay.

This Notice is given in order to prevent future disputes.

JOHN F. COBBES

AND

WONG LK PUN

Im. 2108—Hongkong, 31st December, 1874.

## Banks.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1863.

CAPITAL, £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE, BRISBANE.

MANAGERS, H. H. HARRIS, M.L.A.

HON. A. BUCHANAN, M.L.A.

HON. THOS. M. WRAITH, M.L.A.

ATTORNEYS: FREDERICK ORME DARVALL, Esq.

W. F. DIGBY, Esq.

GENERAL MANAGER: E. R. DRURY.

THE CORRESPONDING DATES IN HONGKONG ARE 3RD JUNE AND 31ST DECEMBER.

THE CORRESPONDING DATES IN LONDON ARE 19TH AUGUST AND 17TH FEBRUARY.

THE PRINCIPAL.

Repayable in Foochow, 3/20ths on 10th June, 1875, thereafter 1/20th every 6 months.

Bonds to be drawn in London, first drawing to take place during the month of June, 1875.

All payments of Interest and Repayment of Principal are to be made through THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SECURITY.

Certain portions of the Imperial Foreign Maritime Customs Revenue of China assigned to THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

IN TRUST FOR THE BONDHOLDERS.

AGENTS IN NEW ZEALAND: THE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

AGENTS IN NEW YORK: MESSRS. L. H. & CO.

AGENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO: THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA.

AGENTS IN INDIA AND THE EAST: THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL—£5,000,000 of Dollars.

RESERVE FUND—£75,000 of Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman—W. C. BURTON, Esq.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 1 PER CENT. PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCE.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

FOR 6 MONTHS 2 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

12 MONTHS 4 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

24 MONTHS 6 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

36 MONTHS 8 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

48 MONTHS 10 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

60 MONTHS 12 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

72 MONTHS 14 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

84 MONTHS 16 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

96 MONTHS 18 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

108 MONTHS 20 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

120 MONTHS 22 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

132 MONTHS 24 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

144 MONTHS 26 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

156 MONTHS 28 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

168 MONTHS 30 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

180 MONTHS 32 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

192 MONTHS 34 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

204 MONTHS 36 PER CENT. PER ANNUM

216 MONTHS 38 PER CENT. PER ANNUM





## Extracts.

PIMENTO.

I was young and green when I married my wife,  
And foolish though, it is true,  
I'd married her for the rest of my life,  
But found very soon it was two.

The one she was loving and soft as the dawn,  
With grace for a saint to adore,  
The hand of my life from a sword was drawn—  
Her mother, my mother-in-law.

At breakfast and dinner, and supper to boot,  
Her face made the monkey chink;

Though speaking no tongue, I was forced to be mute  
Her lungs were of teacher, I think.

The happiest day of my life, or about?

That lifted my spirit like yeast;

Was the one when my mother-in-law pattered out,

And then the old lady deceased.

I feared the old man might yet be returned—

I've heard such cases related—

And felt it was safer to have her buried,

And so I had her creased.

Our chickens are wonders to all of our friends;

They never saw chickens like me;

I'll tell you the secret, just feed your old hens

On the dust of your mother-in-law.

Our steers and our cattle are prided by each guest;

We smile at the application.

For I guess that our guests have never yet guessed,

The spice of her was the cause.

The Archimedes which pictures praise

Are really in flavor quite poor,

Compared to us who husbands can miss

From a cruel mother-in-law!

A LOVING SCHOOLMASTER.

Another incident illustrative of the perils of daily life in Val Pessinieres, was related to me by Mr. Milson while passing the scene of the mud and rock avalanches so common in the valley. Etienne Baridon, a member of the same Les Rives family, an intelligent young man, disabled for ordinary work by lameness and deformity, occupied himself in teaching the children in the Protestant school at Violens, whitened he walked daily, accompanied by the pupils from Les Rives. One day, a heavy thunderstorm burst over the valley, and sent down an avalanche of mud, debris and boulders, which rolled quite across the valley and extended to the river. The news of the circumstance reached Etienne when in school at Violens; the road to Les Rives was closed; and he was accordingly urged to stay over the night with the children. But thinking of the anxiety of their parents, he determined to guide them back over the fall of rocks if possible. Arrived at the place, he found the mass still in the move, rolling slowly down in a ridge of from ten to twenty feet high, towards the river. Supported by stout staffs, the lame Baridon, took first one child and then another upon his humpback and contrived to carry them across in safety, but while making his last journey with the last child, his foot slipped and his leg got badly crushed among a still-rolling stone. He was, however, able to extricate himself, and reached Les Rives in safety with all the children. "This Etienne," concluded Mr. Milson, "was really a noble fellow, and his poor deformed body covered the soul of a hero." —From "Huguenots in France."

INCIDENTS OF HIMALAYAN TRAVEL.

Stopping to rest a little, about midnight, I was accosted by a native gentleman who came out of the darkness, seated himself behind me, and said in English, "Who are you?" I had a suspicion who my friend was, but put a similar question to him; on which he replied, not without a certain dignity, "I am the Rajah of Bussahir." This Bussahir, which includes Kinsawar, and extends up the Sutlej valley to Chinese Tibet, is the state in which I was travelling. Its products are opium, grain, and woolen manufactures, and it has a population of 90,000, and a nominal revenue of 50,000 rupees; but the sums drawn from it in one way or another, by Government officers, must considerably exceed that amount. Its rajah was exceedingly affable, and his convivial habits are so well known, and have been so often alluded to, that I hope there is no harm in saying that on this occasion he was not untrue to his character. I found him, however, to be a very agreeable man, and he is extremely well-meaning—so much so, as to be desirous of laying down his sovereignty if only the British Government would be good enough to accept it from him, and give him a pension instead. But there are much worse governed states than Bussahir, notwithstanding the effects on its amiable and intelligent rajah of a partial and ill-adjudged English education, in which undue importance was assigned to the use of brandy. He caused some alarm among my people by insisting on handling my revolver, which was loaded; but he soon showed that he knew how to use it with extraordinary skill; for, on a lighted candle being put up for him to fire at, about thirty paces off, though he could scarcely stand by this time, yet he managed, somehow or other, to prop himself up against a tree, and snuffed out the candle at the first shot. On the whole, the rajah made a very favourable impression upon me, despite his peculiarity, if such it may be called—and my nocturnal interview with him under huge trees in the middle of a dark wet night, remains a very curious and pleasant recollection. The other incident was of a more serious character, and illustrated a danger which every year carries of a certain number of the hillmen. Standing below the bungalow at Soraon, I noticed some men, who were ascending to their village, racing against each other on the grassy bank of a precipice, that rose above the road leading to Gaura. One of them unfortunately lost his footing, slipped a little on the edge, and then went over the precipice, striking the road below with a tremendous thud after an almost clear fall of hundreds of feet, and then rebounding from off the road, and falling about a hundred feet into a ravine below. I had to go round a ravine some way in order to reach him, so that when I did so he was not only dead, but nearly cold. The mouth and nostrils were filled with clotted blood, but otherwise there was no indication even of the cause of his death. The rapidity of his descent through the air must have made him for insensible as to prevent that contraction of the muscles which is the great cause of bones being broken; and then the tremendous concussion when he struck the road must have knocked every particle of life out of him. This man's brother—his polyandrous brother, as it turned out, though polyandry only commences at Soraon, being a Lama and not a Hindu institution, but the two religions are mixed up a little at the points of contact—reached the body about the same time as I did, and threw himself upon it, weeping and lamenting. I wished to try the effect of some very strong ammonia, but the brother objected to this, because, while probably it would have been of no use, it would have defiled the dead, according to his religious ideas. The only other sympathy I could display was the rather coarse one of paying the people of Soraon, who showed no indications of giving assistance, for carrying the corpse up to its village; but the brother, who understood Hindustani, preferred to take the money himself, in order to purchase wood for the funeral pyre. —He was a large strong man, whereas the deceased was little and slight, so he wrapped the dead body in his plaid, and slung it over his shoulders. There was something almost comic, as well as exceedingly pathetic, in the way in which he toiled up the mountain with his sad burden, wailing and weeping over it whenever he stopped to rest, and kissing the cold face.—"Blackwood's Magazine for November.

## ADVENTURE IN THE DESERT.

On the eighteenth day we were at Ak-Tash (White Stone), within five miles of Bicharm, the towers of which could be seen glittering above the trees in the distance. Here we halted to let the custom-house officers make a list of our property, and several soldiers, recognising their friends among us, stopped to talk to them. Suddenly a tall, hand-some man in uniform, (evidently a Poxian), came staggering past, and was looking contemptuously at us, when one of the soldiers called out to him, "Ha! Mizdar Beg, hear you this? There is an Orosos in this caravan who shoots better than any Turkoman! Look to it, my friend, we are shammed for ever if the best shot in our Emir's Guard should be beaten by an unbeliever!" said Mizdar, twisting his mustache dismally.

"Where is this Rustom (Hercules), who can do such deeds?" "Hem!" answered I, stopping out, and looking full at him. "They have taken you too soon from your mother, my child! Dare you contend with man?" "Most fight with weapons, women, and Persians with their tongues. Try me." The fellow's face turned almost black, and like lightning he drew a pistol and let slip at me. I sprang aside and escaped; but he was just drawing another when my master, I stepped out, and looking full at him.

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